HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 974 By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Virginia Ann Wadleigh on her selection as Middle Level Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Ann Wadleigh of Rock Springs Middle School is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wadleigh has recently been selected as Middle Level Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of North Salem High School, Mrs. Wadleigh furthered her education and received her Bachelor's degree from New York State University; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, Mrs. Wadleigh works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wadleigh began her illustrious tenure with the Rutherford County
School System 18 years ago and taught with acumen and alacrity at Thurman Francis Middle
School and Smyrna Middle School before she began to mold young minds as a Language Arts
teacher at Rock Springs Middle School; and

WHEREAS, prior to her career as an educator in Rutherford County, Mrs. Wadleigh was an inspirational teacher at Dedeo Junior High School in Guam; and

WHEREAS, although Mrs. Wadleigh has achieved many impressive accolades, she is positive that her greatest achievement as an educator is watching her students become objective readers and thinkers, as well as honest writers and speakers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wadleigh truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Wadleigh is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Gerald; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wadleigh truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Virginia Ann Wadleigh of Rock Springs Middle School on being chosen as Middle Level Teacher of the Year in Rutherford County, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy

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